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sea-weed. As soon as the fishermen see that you are really and truly interested in what they bring in, they will often save things for you that would otherwise be thrown overboard when washing their nets before coming on shore. The delightful part of being near the sea is that at every tide you may expect to find something fresh, only a shell perhaps, or a bit of sea-weed, a stone or a fossil. Whatever it is, let it interest both yourself and the children; make out its name, and, if worth keeping, label it, and keep it neatly and safely for use in giving your "Object Lessons." It will take you many months before you exhaust your little stretch of coast; you will soon learn to distinguish the commonest things in your neighbourhood from those that you see less frequently; keep two lists in your note-book, one for the common and the other for the rare specimens you get; note down carefully the place and date of each find, and as much as possible watch the things where they live; don't tear anemonies off the rocks or keep live things in basins, you will understand quite enough about them without doing this. For giving a lesson you will find heaps of things that can be carried home without injury, exhaust this supply first.

For information about this subject you will find *The Seashore*, 2*s*. 6*d*., S.P.C.R., very useful; also *Common Shells of the Seashore*, 1*s*., Frederick Warne and Co. *Crustacea and Spiders*, 1*s*., Swan Sonnenschein, Lowrey and Co., is a very useful book indeed if you wish to know something about crabs. I strongly advise you to take in *Science Gossip*, 5*s*. a year post free, John T. Carrington, 1, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C. The new series promises to be very good.

A melancholy interest will be ever attached to Mrs. Powell's book, "These Little Ones," reviewed last month. We are grieved to hear that Mrs. Powell passed away a few days before the notice appeared. Mrs. Powell has been a warm supporter of the *Parents' Review* for four or five years, and we regret deeply that such a gifted writer should have been taken away from the good work she was doing here.

Free Lectures to members of the Union and their friends will be given in April and May on "*The Ethics of Beauty*" by Miss Alice Taylor, and "*The Rational Teaching of the Pianoforte*" by Mrs. Spencer Curwen. Courses of Lectures will also be held (for which special fees will be charged at a low rate) on "*Ibsen and Wagner*," "*Physiology*," "*The principles of modern education applied to the Art of Painting*," and, possibly a course of Training Lessons by Mrs. Walter Ward in *Kindergarten methods*. Early application for tickets to be made to the Secretary, P.N.E.U. Office, 28, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

P.N.E.U. NOTES.

Chairman of Committee: Dr. A. T. Schofield. *Vice-Chairman:* Algernon Coote, Esq., M.A. *Treasurer:* Editor *Parents' Review*, Miss C. M. Mason, House of Education, Ambleside. *Hon. Org. Sec.:* H. Perrin, Esq. *Secretary:* Miss Ethel Forsyth, 28, Victoria Street, Westminster. The objects of the Society are, briefly, to assist parents of all classes to understand the best principles and methods of education in all its aspects, and especially in those which concern the formation of habits and character, and to afford to parents opportunities for co-operation and consultation, so that the wisdom and experience of each may be profitable for all. Pamphlets giving full particulars of the work of the Union, and the *Parents' Review* (6*d*. monthly), the organ of the Society, may be obtained from the Secretary, to whom all subscriptions and communications should be sent.

The most important event of the past month has been the establishment of a Central Office in London, in a convenient situation, where our Secretary, Miss Ethel Forsyth, can be consulted daily on the work of the Union and on the best methods of extending and strengthening its operations. Miss Forsyth's long experience in practical education renders her particularly qualified to undertake this, and it is hoped that the work of the Society, which has now outgrown the possibilities of voluntary services, will be much more efficiently performed, and that it will become of increasing usefulness to parents and teachers in their responsible positions. It only remains for all sympathizers with the aims of the P.N.E.U., to give the Committee the assistance of their moral and financial support, to enable them to meet the increased obligations which this step entails.

BELGRAVIA BRANCH.—*Hon Sec.:* Lady Isabel Margesson, 28, Victoria Street, S.W.

SHEFFIELD BRANCH.—*Hon. Secs.:* Mrs. Newton Coombe, Brocco Bank, and Miss Walmsley, The High School.

WOODFORD AND WANSTEAD BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* Mrs. Spedding Curwen, Bywell, South Woodford. A meeting was held at the house of Arnold Hills, Esq., Monkhams, on February 27th, when a very able Paper was read by J. Russell, Esq., to a large meeting, the subject being "Pestalozzi's Message to Parents." A good deal of interest was shown, several new members joined. The Secretary made a statement calling attention to the *Parents' Review*, the P.R. School and the Natural History Club. The balance-sheet shewed a loss on the year, but it is believed that will improve. A Class meets every week for "Brush-work," when all much enjoy Mr. Cooke's teaching.

READING BRANCH.—*Hon Sec.:* W. Salmon, Esq., 56, London Street. The next Meeting will be held in May, when S. G. Tremenheere, Esq., H.M. Inspector of Schools will give an address. The Lending Library is well patronised by Members and there is no doubt it is a source of usefulness.

HAMPSTEAD BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* Mrs. Herbert Smith, The Retreat, North End. On February 9th, the Teachers' Guild invited the members of this branch to attend a Lecture given to them by Professor Sully, on "Some Characteristics of Children's Minds." Those who were able to be present greatly appreciated the courtesy that enabled them to hear so valuable a paper.

STREATHAM BRANCH —*Hon. Sec.:* Mrs. Strode, Bankside, Leigham, Court Road, S.W.

LEEDS BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* Mrs. John Barran, Weetwood.

KENDAL BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* Colin Somervell, Esq.

SOUTHDOWN BRANCH:—

Brighton Centre.—Hon. Sec.: Mrs. William Borrer, Pakyns Manor, Hurstpierpoint.

Eastbourne Centre.—Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Butt, Ingleside, Selwyn Road.

Hastings Centre.—Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Venables, St. Bernard's Lodge, S. Leonard's. A lecture will be delivered on March 5th by Miss E. A. Barnett, in advance of which a long article explaining the constitution and aims of the P.N.E.U. appeared in the *Hastings Observer*.

EASTBOURNE BRANCH.—On January 18th the first general meeting was held, when Mrs. Steinthal gave a most interesting lecture on "Modelling." The next meeting was on Feb. 23rd, when the Rev. H. Bickersteth Ottley, (vicar of Eastbourne) gave an address on "The Religious Training of Children," a report of which will appear in the next issue of the P.R. A lending library has been established and now contains twenty books. Miss Cripps, Montpellier House, Ocklynge, has kindly consented to arrange for the loan and exchange of them.

LEEDS BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* Mrs. John Barren, Weetwood, Leeds. A very good audience met to hear Mr. James Welton, M.A., of the Yorkshire College, deliver a lecture on "The Mental and Moral Training of Children." Dr. Forsyth, head master of the Central Higher Grade Board School occupied the chair. The lecture which was most educational and thoughtful, appears in this number of the *Parents' Review*. Mr. Welton will give a second lecture on Monday, March 12th. Afternoon lectures have been given by Mrs. Francis Steinthal on "Nursery Physiology," and "Clay Modelling." The winter session has been a most successful one, and all meetings have been well attended and much interest shown.

Hon. Local Secs. are requested to send to Mr. Perrin, as early as possible, reports of all matters of interest connected with their branches, written on one side of the paper only, also 20 copies of any prospectuses or other papers they may print.

THE HIGHEST HONOURS at the Chicago Exhibition have been awarded to MELLIN'S FOOD for Infants and Invalids in the form of the Medal and Diploma. We are glad to find that H.I.M. the Empress of Germany's testimonial and verdict on this Food is confirmed by such a practical board of judges.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL COUNCIL.

THIS is now the word of command. For some time the Parents' National Educational Union has been content to blush unseen, though diffusing a pleasant fragrance by its teachings, through many a happy household. During this period it has been consolidating its forces and quietly extending its influence. The House of Education at Ambleside has become an accomplished fact. Those who have been already equipped are winning, not only honour for themselves, but a grateful appreciation of the modern methods they pursue. In more than one schoolroom, not only do the children vote the school hour the happiest time of the day, but parents and friends alike invade it, to hear the interesting discourses that are given. The Parents' Review School and other agencies have been also well established, and are doing a great and useful work.

But all this is ancient history, being at least a twelvemonth old. The word now is "Forward!" And it is being obeyed. The time has arrived for this Union to become better known It is the only Union of the sort that regards fathers as having a practical interest in the child's welfare as well as the mothers, and fathers are a distinct power in the conferences, and deliver themselves of many wise remarks and practical precepts at the numerous local meetings. This